

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 10-K/A

June 26, 2003

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**Form 10-K/A  
Amendment No. 1**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002 Commission File No. 0-2989

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**Commerce Bancshares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri

43-0889454

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(State of Incorporation)

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Walnut,  
Kansas City, MO

64106

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

(816) 234-2000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**Title of class**

\$5 Par Value Common Stock

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (Section 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

Indicate by checkmark whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act.) x

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As of February 7, 2003, the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was approximately \$2,073,000,000.

As of February 7, 2003, there were 66,855,683 shares of Registrant's \$5 Par Value Common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the definitive proxy statement with respect to the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on April 16, 2003, are incorporated in Part III.

**The purpose of this amendment is to include the disclosure requirements of Regulation S-K 201(d), Securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, in Item 12 and to include the Form 11-K filing requirements as Exhibit 99.3.**

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The information required by Item 403 of Regulation S-K is covered under the caption "Voting Securities and Ownership Thereof by Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" in the definitive proxy statement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2002, with respect to compensation plans under which common shares of Commerce Bancshares, Inc. are authorized for issuance to certain officers in exchange for consideration in the form of goods or services. These compensation plans include: (1) the Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Incentive Stock Option Plan of 1986, (2) the Commerce Bancshares, Inc. 1987 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan, (3) the Commerce Bancshares, Inc. 1996 Incentive Stock Option Plan, (4) the Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Restricted Stock Plan, (5) the Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Stock Purchase Plan for Non-Employee Directors and (6) the Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Executive Incentive Compensation Plan (deferred compensation plan). All of these compensation plans were approved by the Company's shareholders.

Plan category	(a) Number of common shares  to be issued upon exercise of outstanding  options, warrants and rights	(b) Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of common shares remaining available for future issuance  under equity compensation plans (excluding shares  reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	3,564,484(1)	\$ 29.36(2)	3,052,724(3)
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders			
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,564,484</b>	<b>\$ 29.36</b>	<b>3,052,724</b>

- (1) Includes an aggregate of 3,491,899 common shares issuable upon exercise of options granted under the option plans and 72,585 common shares allocated to participants' accounts under the deferred compensation plan.
- (2) Represents the weighted average exercise price of outstanding options under the option plans.
- (3) Includes 2,686,809 common shares remaining available under the option plans, 94,330 common shares available under the restricted stock plan, 154,903 shares available under the directors stock purchase plan, and 116,682 shares under the deferred compensation plan.
- Additional information regarding the Company's stock option plans can be found in the Stock Option Plans, Restricted Stock Awards and Directors Stock Purchase Plan note to consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and in portions of the 2003 proxy statement incorporated by reference.



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**CERTIFICATION**

I, David W. Kemper, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Amendment No. 1 to the annual report on Form 10-K/A of Commerce Bancshares, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
  - (c) presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors:
  - (a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

June 26, 2003

/s/ David W. Kemper

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David W. Kemper  
*Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, A. Bayard Clark, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Amendment No. 1 to the annual report on Form 10-K/A of Commerce Bancshares, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
  - (c) presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors:
  - (a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

June 26, 2003

/s/ A. Bayard Clark

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A. Bayard Clark  
*Executive Vice President, Treasurer  
and Chief Financial Officer*

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3 Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws:

(a) Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, were filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated August 10, 1999, and the same are hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) Restated By-Laws were filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated May 8, 2001, and the same are hereby incorporated by reference.

4 Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures:

(a) Pursuant to paragraph (b)(4)(iii) of Item 601 Regulation S-K, Registrant will furnish to the Commission upon request copies of long-term debt instruments.

(b) Shareholder Rights Plan contained in an Amended and Restated Rights Agreement was filed on Form 8-A12G/A dated June 7, 1996, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(c) Form of Rights Certificate and Election to Exercise was filed on Form 8-A12G/A dated June 7, 1996, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(d) Form of Certificate of Designation of Preferred Stock was filed on Form 8-A12G/A dated June 7, 1996, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

10 Material Contracts (Each of the following is a management contract or compensatory plan arrangement):

(a) Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Executive Incentive Compensation Plan amended and restated as of July 31, 1998, was filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated May 10, 2002, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Incentive Stock Option Plan of 1986 amended and restated as of October 4, 1996 was filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated November 8, 1996, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(c) Commerce Bancshares, Inc. 1987 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan amended and restated as of October 4, 1996 was filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated November 8, 1996, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(d) Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Stock Purchase Plan for Non-Employee Directors amended and restated as of October 4, 1996 was filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated November 8, 1996, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(e) Copy of Supplemental Retirement Income Plan established by Commerce Bancshares, Inc. for James M. Kemper, Jr. was filed in annual report on Form 10-K dated March 6, 1992, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(f) Commerce Bancshares, Inc. 1996 Incentive Stock Option Plan amended and restated as of April 2001 was filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated May 8, 2001, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(g) Commerce Executive Retirement Plan was filed in annual report on Form 10-K dated March 8, 1996, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(h) Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Restricted Stock Plan amended and restated as of February 4, 2000, was filed in annual report on Form 10-K dated March 10, 2000, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

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(i) Form of Severance Agreement between Commerce Bancshares, Inc. and certain of its executive officers entered into as of October 4, 1996 was filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated November 8, 1996, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

(j) Trust Agreement for the Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Executive Incentive Compensation Plan amended and restated as of January 1, 2001, was filed in quarterly report on Form 10-Q dated May 8, 2001, and the same is hereby incorporated by reference.

21 Subsidiaries of the Registrant

23.1 Independent Accountants Consent

23.2 Independent Accountants Consent related to Commerce Bancshares Participating Investment Plan

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99.1 Certification of CEO pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

99.2 Certification of CFO pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

99.3 Financial statements relating to Commerce Bancshares Participating Investment Plan